

HISTORY DRIVE OF K. C. AIMS TO RECTIFY ERROR

John B. Kennedy Explains in
Detail Object of Million
Dollar Movement.

CAMPAIGN IS NATION-WIDE
Education of Natives and For-
eign-Born in Patriotism Its
Special Object.

(So many questions have been
asked as to the why of the K. of C.
\$1,000,000 American history move-
ment that this exclusive, straight-
forward statement is given to ex-
plain it.)

By JOHN B. KENNEDY,
Editor of Columbia, Official Organ of the
K. of C.

When somebody claims American
citizenship, that citizenship should be
100 per cent, which means a full
knowledge not only of the rights and
duties of citizenship, but of the back-
ground of history that has developed
those rights and duties.

Hence the Knights of Columbus, at
their recent convention in San Fran-
cisco, launched a \$1,000,000 Ameri-
can history movement to provide that
background.

The K. of C. American history
movement has been described as an
anti-propaganda movement, and it has
been counter-described as a propa-
ganda movement merely because it is
anti-propaganda. Two discoveries de-
termined the Knights to undertake
the movement under the auspices of
the K. of C. Fourth degree that de-
mands practical as distinguished from
professed patriotism from the elect-
ed to it. These discoveries were the
fact that not enough Americans knew
enough history and that too many
Americans were being taught incor-
rect history.

When, for instance, Henry Clay can
be referred to as a "gambler" and a
"bluffer," Polk as a "blusterer," Phi-
lander K. Knox as a "dollar diplomat,"
Blaine as a "blatant hawk" after
votes—in histories presented after
votes to American youth, it is time
a halt was called and that corrective
action was applied.

Current local controversies have
no place in sober perspective of his-
tory, and the attachment of hot-
tempered opponents' epithets to Ameri-
cans who have done much to mould
the destiny of the nation is not only
not history, it borders upon theoreti-
cal treason.

Will Correct Errors.

Edward F. McSweeney, newly ap-
pointed chairman of the Knights of
Columbus American History Commis-
sion, was commissioned by Supreme
Master John E. Reddin, of Denver,
who will direct the K. C. history move-
ment, to examine text-books studied
in American schools and universities—
parochial, public, private and State.
After years of painstaking study he
recommended the removal of Ameri-
can history from colonial times up to
the present, it is inconceivable how the
movement can be anything but suc-
cessful.

This is exactly the job the Knights
of Columbus contemplate. With 800,
000 American citizens and their fami-
lies lacking and in distribution of
tens of millions of pamphlets deal-
ing with the different phases of Ameri-
can history from colonial times up to
the present, it is inconceivable how the
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The K. of C. Fourth Degree has also
instituted a national American history
contest. They offer \$7,500 in prizes
to contestants, the first prize being
\$2,500, with six additional prizes of
\$1,000 each, and invite all who desire
to compete—and nobody is barred. Full
information regarding the conditions of
entry can be obtained from William
J. McGinley, supreme secretary of the
K. of C. K. C. headquarters, New
Haven, Conn.

In their nation-wide citizenship work
—the assistance of aliens to take out
their first and their final naturaliza-
tion papers, the Knights discovered
that American history was not as well
known as it should be by those aspir-
ing to vote in the destiny of the
American Republic.

But what was still more alarming,
in the view of the Knights, was the
fact that the K. of C. conduct in more
than 1,000 cities and towns each year,
they found at the general question
hour that hundreds and thousands of
persons of the third and fourth gen-
erations of Americans were not know-
ing the history of their own people.
The Knights did not know the history
of the nation or else were misin-
formed because of the "revision"
movement apparent on the part of
numerous historians.

It is expected that two years will
be required to complete the K. C.
\$1,000,000 history movement. In that
period the Knights will have checked
up every text-book in use and covered
the country with a whirlwind of tel-
ling the plain story of the republic
quoting all documents and authorities
page, and the line of inaccuracies in
histories now in use.

Admiral William S. Benson, Maurice
Francis Egan and Prof. George Derry,
of Union College, and Charles S. Mc-
Carthy, formerly of Pennsylvania Uni-
versity, now of the Catholic University
of America, will serve on the K. of C.
history commission.

In America 47 Years; Just Becomes Citizen

Gerome Desio, Master Jeweler,
Numbered Presidents Among
His Customers, but Knew
Them Only By Personal Char-
acteristics—Attended School
to Prepare for Test.

GEROME DESIO.

With the admission to citizenship
this week of Gerome Desio, seventy-
four years old, a resident of Wash-
ington since 1874, and one of the
leading local manufacturing jewelers,
one of the most remarkable cases in
the history of the naturalization
bureau came to a close.

Desio, who numbers among his
customers and friends some of the
most prominent Americans, is a
graduate of the District Americaniza-
tion classes at the Webster school
and is the oldest student who has
attended a local school.

His final examination, conducted
before Judge Adolph Hoehling of
the District Supreme Court, by
Oran T. Moore, chief of the natural-
ization bureau, on October 3, re-
sulted in an unusually high rating,
viewed as remarkable by officials
because of the applicant's age.

Founded Jewelry Firm.

The examination brought out in
dramatic fashion the acquaintance
of Desio with two former Presidents.
He was the founder of the jewelry
firm now conducted in the name of
his son, Victor E. Desio, at 1309
F street northwest.

During the course of his examina-
tion Mr. Desio was asked who suc-
ceeded the President in case of his
death.

"The Vice President," he an-
swered.

"Has this ever happened?" he was
asked.

"Yes," he responded. "Twice."

"And who were the vice presidents
in these cases?" he was asked.

At this point the old man became
visibly excited.

"I don't remember the names," he
said. "But one of them came into
my shop on F street many years
ago. He came in often afterward.
He said his father was an English-
man. He became President when
Garfield was shot. He had—what do
you call them?—burnsides?—on the
sides of his face."

This, of course, was Chester
Arthur.

"Now, what was the other case?"
Who was the second Vice President
who came into office upon the death
of the President?

"I can't remember his name,
either," replied Desio. "He too came
often to my shop. I remember him
very well. He was a very strenu-
ous person, very strenuous. And
he proceeded to give an imitation
of the characteristic mannerisms of
the late Theodore Roosevelt which
left no room for doubt as to the
identity of the man."

Born in Italy in 1848.

Desio was born in Italy in 1848 and
came to the United States in Febru-
ary, 1874. He was the descendant of
a long line of illustrious jewelers,
and had been brought up in the
trade from boyhood. Upon his arri-
val in Washington in 1874 he imme-
diately went in the business of manu-
facturing jewelry. He rapidly be-
came one of the foremost local manu-
facturers and today is known as one
of the finest of the old masters in
this country.

His brother, Salvatore Desio, who
came later, is also a prominent local
jeweler.

Desio has lived almost continuously
in this city since 1874. His four chil-
dren, two sons and two daughters,
were born here. The sons were
brought up in the jewelry trade and
Victor E. Desio is now active head
of the Washington house. The
other son is in business in San Fran-
cisco.

On April 25, 1919, aroused to the
desirability of citizenship, Desio took
out his first papers. He entered the
naturalization school last February.

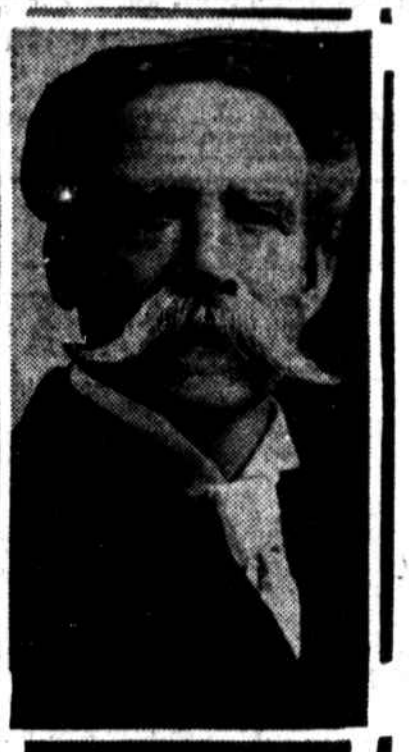
Because of his advanced age it was
difficult for him to learn rapidly and
he was forced to put forth unceasing
effort to complete the course in time
for examination this fall. He was one
of twenty-two members of the class
admitted to citizenship. Three mem-
bers were continued for lack of knowl-
edge of governmental functions.

Desio was enthusiastic over the
work of the naturalization schools.

Proud of Citizenship.

"It is a wonderful thing that for-
eigners coming to this country, ignor-
ant of American language and cus-
toms, can have such an opportunity
to learn," he said. "It is a real honor
to win citizenship rights in this great
country. I am glad to see that the
naturalization bureau is so careful in
examining applicants for citizenship.
It is a fine thing. When a man works
and earns his citizenship it is some-
thing he prides throughout his life-
time. My only regret is that I did
not seek to become a citizen earlier
in my life."

The earnestness with which the for-
eign-born students of the Americaniza-
tion schools strive for admission to
citizenship is truly inspiring, natural-



GEROME DESIO.

ization officials declare. Nevertheless
their lack of knowledge of American
Government and customs sometimes
causes amusement during the course
of the hearings before the Supreme
Court.

During the examination of Desio's
class, two of the questions were
answered as follows:

"Who governs District of Colum-
bia affairs?"

"The Rent Commission," piped a
student, who may have been wear-
ing than he knew.

"And who represents the District?"

"Senator Oyster."

The plan of operation of the natu-
ralization schools is as follows:
Any foreign-born resident can enter
the classes, whether he has taken the
first step toward naturalization or not.
Most of the students, however, file
their first papers at about the time
they enter the school. They are re-
quired to file these papers upon their en-
trance if they have not already done
so, though this is in no way obligatory.

New Opportunities.

In case a foreign-born resident falls
in his examination for citizenship he
is referred immediately to the schools,
and so given a new opportunity to
win his way through before he be-
comes discouraged.

Following the completion of his
course in the school, which depends
entirely upon the capacity of the
student, the graduate is brought be-
fore the Supreme Court of the District
and examined by an official of the
naturalization bureau as to his knowl-
edge of American customs and his
ability to read, write and speak Eng-
lish.

Then, if his moral status is satis-
factory, he is admitted. This pro-
cedure materially lessens the time re-
quired to attain citizenship. As a fur-
ther aid to speeding the case through
the school officials prepare, from ob-
servation, a record on the qualifica-
tions of the student, which are then
passed upon by the naturalization bu-
reau, instead of the old method of
having the bureau examine into the
qualifications, a long and tedious pro-
cess.

The length of the course, depends,
of course, upon the individual scholar.
If he is well educated in his own
language, and has a fair knowledge of
governmental functions he can com-
plete the course within a few months.
Those who were illiterate in the be-
ginning, must build from the ground
up, the length of the course depending
upon their intelligence and applica-
tion.

WEST VIRGINIA FARMER

STILL WORKING AT 102

PARKERSBURG, W. Va., Oct. 8.—
Wood county lays claim to distinction
for the longevity of one of its inhabi-
tants. He is James Ballentine, a farm-
er residing back of Williamstown, who
is preparing to celebrate his 102nd birth-
day anniversary on November 1.
Mr. Ballentine is hale and hearty,
and has stacked his wheat and other
crops looked after his farm crops this
season.

LEGION POST OPENS JOB

BUREAU AT HAGERSTOWN

HAGERSTOWN, Md., Oct. 8.—The
establishment of an employment
bureau for former service men by
Morris Frock Post, American Legion,
has just been announced.

Officers of the legion here were
besieged with requests for aid
from soldiers out of work that the
bureau became a necessity. Miss
Alice Edmonds, home service secre-
tary for the Red Cross chapter, is
in charge of the agency.

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BRINGS STARTLING CHANGE
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Very few women really have had
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ness, and soft radiant beauty, as soon
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infant is always given a little orange
juice in milk; a child a quart of milk
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times a cake of yeast nutrient but adults
need more—that is why thousands of
women are taking Vitamine in highly
concentrated form. You can get a bottle
of these tablets—called Phos-Pho Vita-
mine—at any drug store. The tablets
embrace in highly concentrated form the
Vitamines of finest quality in medicine,
Soluble B and Fat Soluble A, etc. (See
formula and directions on bottle.)
Doctors, druggists and chemists endorse
the tablets which are easy to take and no
bother at all—contain a proper dose—
bring results unusually quick and are
as harmless as any food. The name
Irving Laboratory on the bottle is a
guarantee of finest quality in medicine.
Sixty tablets in brown bottle cost only
\$1.00 plus 4 cents was tax at any
people's drug store or by mail on re-
ceipt of price—Irving Laboratory, Wheel-
ing, W. Va.

NEW K. C. MAGAZINE MAKES APPEARANCE

October Issue of "Columbia"
Contains Many Features of
General Interest.

The October, 1921, number of the
Columbia, the Knights of Columbus
new national magazine, has just been
delivered to local members. The
frontispiece is in colors representing a
knight in armor. Prominent among
the contributors this month are Mar-
rice Francis Egan, Thomas A. Edison,
Jr., and Hugh S. Fullerton. Edward
F. McSweeney, chairman of the
Knights of Columbus Historical
Commission, has contributed a plea-
sing article, "The Fight for the Truth."
The American spirit of great men like
James Cardinal Gibbons and Theodore
Roosevelt is the spirit which the
Knights of Columbus seek to promote
in their annual award for patriotism,
and in their American history work.

The purpose of the Knights of Col-
umbus American History Commission
is clearly defined: "To encourage in-
vestigation into the origins, the
achievements, and the problems of the
United States; to interpret and per-
petuate the American principles of lib-
erty, popular sovereignty, and govern-
ment by consent; to promote Ameri-
can solidarity, and to exalt the Ameri-
can ideal; the Knights of Columbus
Historical Commission has announced
a series of five prizes for the best
studies, based on original research in
primary sources in the field of Ameri-
can History." The article carries a
hitherto unpublished picture of the
late James Cardinal Gibbons and the
late Theodore Roosevelt.

Accused of Bigamy.

HUNTINGTON, W. Va., Oct. 8.—
Cora Windle, thirty-eight years old,
was taken into custody here on infor-
mation from the Columbus, Ohio, po-
lice department, which charged her
with having committed bigamy.

The PALAIS ROYAL

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Dorothy Dodd
SHOES

Black Satin

Strap Pumps

Semi Dress Wear Furnished at

Sale Price

\$8.00



The Louis LXV heel, black satin one-strap
Slippers, as illustrated, is made of splendid
quality fabric. The soles are hand-turned and
the heels self covered.

The same model may be obtained with
Baby Louis self covered heels.

—Palais Royal—Second Floor

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**Banish the Chill of
Early Fall**

There's no need to start
up your heating plant
when all you need is a
little heat to drive the
damp and chill from the
first early days of Fall.

A handy Electric Heat-
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ing room or breakfast
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pense.

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EARLY BIRD GETS BUYING OFF MIND

Manifest Advantages in Letting
St. Nick Have Bankroll
Before Rush.

Go to the stores, thou sluggard, ob-
serve their wares and shop.

"Shop, for the Yule is coming.
Shop while the sun is hot.
Shop, for the day is coming
When St. Nick's roll is shot."

Even the children recognize the
wisdom of those oft-repeated words,
"Shop Early." It gives them more
time to investigate peculiar bundles
that are surreptitiously stowed away
in dark corners.

This is early. Shop!

If you start buying now you can
naturally think of more things to
spend your money for than if you
put it off. Think how this will please
the dealers.

Let Saint Nick have your roll now.
Buy your wife's present now. Then
if you get caught coming in half-shot
some morning early you can fish it
out and, with a nonchalant and im-
promptu air, hand it over to her.

This procedure has been known for its
effectiveness since Biblical times. In
those days it was called pouring oil
on the waves. Today it might be bet-
ter recognized as "spreading the
olive." Then you have the joy of
buying your wife a second present.

At a way to get by.

Cool weather brought on this out-
burst. That same cool weather will
wipe off your perspiring brow when
the clerk hands over the bill.

Shop early!

Widow Sues R. R. for \$30,000.

HAGERSTOWN, Md., Oct. 8.—Mrs.
Martha L. Smith has filed suit for
\$30,000 damages against the Western
Maryland Railway Company for the
death of her husband, Harvey T.
Smith, who was killed while employed
as air brake inspector in the railway
shops here.

The PALAIS ROYAL

The Shopping Center—11th and G Sts.—Est. 1877—A. LISNER, Prop.

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Autumn-Winter Styles in
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All at the One Price

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The Palais Royal Bargain Base-
ment Sales of Dresses at \$15.00
are now famous. Monday's com-
ing sale will be as prolific of de-
lightful surprises as any in
the past. Dresses for every
woman and miss—for every
occasion—and dollars saved.

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Sizes 36 to 46

In the ever-wanted Navy,
Tan, Brown, Black and the
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Part-Wool Blankets, \$6.98

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It is a question if all-wool Blankets costing twice \$6.98 would prove as satis-
factory. Certain that these part wool Blankets will wear longer—and certain that
they look as well as those of pure wool. The cotton in them is like the foundation
to a house—giving stability while not being seen.

All are large size—some 72x84 inches. Choice
of white, gray and plaids at \$6.98 pair

On Sale Monday Morning—Palais Royal Bargain Basement.

Special Sale of

Autumn-Winter Underwear and Hose

In Seven Monster Lots

Women's Vests and Pants, 79c

Fleece-lined Ribbed Garments, 79c
warm, comforting and perfect fit-
ting; vests with high and Dutch neck, long
and elbow sleeves; pants, ankle length, with
muslin bands.

Women's Union Suits, \$1.10

These are standard today at \$1.10
\$1.50; fleece-lined, with Dutch
neck, elbow sleeves, ankle length; sizes 36 and
38; health-saving and money-saving, at \$1.10.

Juveniles' Union Suits, 79c

Boys' Ribbed Silver Gray
Suits, high neck, long sleeves,
ankle length; all sizes to 34; and children's
Waist Union Suits to 12 years. \$1 values at
79c.

Silk and Wool Suits, \$1

Juveniles' de luxe Union Suits at
a nominal price; high neck, long
sleeves, ankle length; sizes 2 to 14 years,
at \$1.00.

Silk and Wool Hose, \$1.25

Women's Ribbed Sport Hose
worn with oxford shoes in
various heather shades; irregular weave. Spe-
cial at \$1.25. Sizes 8½ to 10.

Extra Size Burson Hose, 45c

Made fully large and long,
in sizes 9 to 10½; seamless and fash-
ioned; black, with white feet.

Boys' Sports Hose, 50c

Sturdy ribbed black and brown
Hose, with striped cuff tops; sizes 8
to 11; very special at 50c pair.

Tomorrow—Palais Royal Bargain Basement

1,000 Thoro-wear Bedspreads

Ornamented With Pink and Blue Stripes

Size 84x96 at \$3.48

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Batts, \$1.39

Open 72x96 inches—
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for a comfort.

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Of Damask—12-inch
size—with scalloped bor-
ders.

Kimonos, \$1.98

Of Serpentine Crepe
braided, trimmed. Elastic
belt line.